

## Who is Eligible for VA Homeless Services?

Any person who has served in the U.S. military/armed forces who meets VA eligibility requirements and also meets the following criteria:

- ♦ veterans who are homeless or at risk of being homeless
- ♦ homeless veterans with mental health and /or substance use needs
- ♦ veterans who agree to a referral for VA assistance.

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## How To Reach Us

If you are in contact with a homeless veteran who needs assistance, or if you would like more information, call the toll-free number of the VA Stars & Stripes Healthcare Network homeless program coordinator nearest you.

**Altoona:** **Sandy Woitkowiak**

1-877-626-2500

**Butler:** **Dan Slack**

1-800-362-8262

**Clarksburg:** **Tammy Swann**

1-800-733-0512

**Coatesville:** **Tony Zaza**

1-800-290-6172

**Erie:** **Richard Perfetto**

1-800-274-8387

**Lebanon:** **Edward Schlessner**

1-800-409-8771

**Philadelphia:** **Steve Bennett**

1-800-949-1001

**Pittsburgh:** **Gary Glackin**

1-866-4VAPITT or

1-866-482-7488

**Wilkes-Barre:** **Dave Warke**

1-877-928-2621

**Wilmington:** **Kent Johnson**

1-800-461-8262

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*Health Care for  
Homeless Veterans Program*



*Serving those who served*

# *Homelessness in America*

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## **Homelessness in America**

In the United States, 3.5 million people experience homelessness each year. Estimates indicate that there are between 750,000-800,000 homeless on our streets. About one-third of the adult homeless population are veterans.

Each day approximately 250,000 veterans (male and female) are living on the streets or in shelters. Many other veterans are considered “near homeless” or at risk because of their poverty, lack of support from family and friends, and dismal living conditions in cheap hotels or in overcrowded or substandard housing.

## **VA Homeless Program & Mission**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs considers the treatment, rehabilitation, and residential needs of our Nation’s homeless veterans to be one of its top priorities. The VA Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program’s goal is to end homelessness among veterans through outreach efforts and community partnerships. Veterans are engaged in treatment and rehabilitation programs that enable them to achieve a better quality of life.

## **HCHV Services within the VA Stars & Stripes Healthcare Network**

VA Stars & Stripes Healthcare Network - which is dedicated to serving veterans living within the states of DE and PA as well as parts of WV, NJ, NY and Ohio - has made serving homeless veterans a top priority. In collaboration with our community partners, we are committed to providing a full continuum of services promoting recovery.

HCHV services include:

- ◆ aggressive outreach to those veterans living on streets and in shelters who otherwise would not seek assistance

- ◆ clinical assessment and referral to needed medical treatment for physical and psychiatric disorders, including substance abuse
- ◆ transitional housing assistance, case management, and rehabilitation
- ◆ employment assistance
- ◆ linkage with available income supports and supported long-term housing.

Our Network offers outreach services at each of our 10 VA medical centers. We have 195 homeless domiciliary treatment beds and, through our partnerships with local community providers, we have over 400 grant & per diem transitional housing beds. The VA staff connects with shelters, community organizations, and local governments to provide veterans access to these resources. Through these connections, the HCHV program strives to serve all homeless veterans in our communities and improve their quality of life.